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SUBJECT: SYG LUNS' PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

1. LUNS TOLD PERMREPS AT LUNCH JANUARY 10 THAT HIS
JANUARY 6 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT FOCUSED LARGELY
ON SALT AND ALLIED DESIRES FOR CONSIDERABLE DEEPENING
OF SALT CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IN NAC CONTEXT. HE SAID
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HE TOLD PRESIDENT ALLIES WELCOMED CONSULTATIONS WITH
WARNKE AND ASSURANCES OF SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN
THAT US INTENDS CONSULT FULLY ON SALT ISSUES. NEVER-
THELESS, LUNS SAID HE TOLD PRESIDENT ALLIES STILL FEEL
A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ON SALT ISSUES BOTH IN TERMS OF
BASIC SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS AND IN TERMS OF FULL UNDER-
STANDING OF WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE US AND SOVIETS.

2. LUNS STATED THAT IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION THE PRESIDENT HAD ACKNOWLEDGED PRESS REPORTS THAT THE US BELIEVES NEXT STAGE OF SALT WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE DISCUSSION OF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES SINCE THESE FORCES CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM OVERALL STRATEGIC SITUATION. LUNS SAID HE NOTED THAT MANY OF THESE WEAPONS ARE IN ALLIED HANDS AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT US WOULD NOT HOLD BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER. THE PRESIDENT, LUNS SAID, REPLIED THAT THE US WILL CONSULT FULLY.

3. LUNS ADDED THAT HE PRESSED THE PRESIDENT FURTHER, NOTING THAT IF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES BECOME PART OF FUTURE SALT, ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS WOULD IN FACT HAVE TO APPROACH LEVEL OF FULL ALLIED "PARTICIPATION." LUNS SAID THE PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT THE US WOULD WISH TO HAVE FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALLIES ON THIS SUBJECT. LUNS PERSONALLY FELT THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY WAS SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE TO PERMIT LUNS TO CONCLUDE THE US WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALLIED "PARTICIPATION." (LUNS WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER HE MEANT PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS OR IN THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BUT SEEMED TO BE SUGGESTING THE FORMER.)

- HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) AND PAULS (FRG) AGREED SUBJECT
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WAS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO ALLIANCE AND THAT NAC OUGHT TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF HOW NATO SHOULD APPROACH ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING GRAY AREA SYSTEMS. HARTOGH ADDED HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A NEGOTIATION DIRECTLY INVOLVING THE US PLUS ITS ALLIES ON ONE SIDE AND THE USSR ALONE ON THE OTHER. THERE WAS NO DISSENT FROM THIS COMMENT.

- CHARGE CALLED PERMREPS' ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON NEED FOR CONSIDERING THEATER NUCLEAR SYSTEMS IN WARSAW PRESS CONFERENCE AND DURING JANUARY 6 NAC DISCUSSION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAID HE BELIEVED US WOULD WELCOME EXPRESSIONS OF ALLIED INTEREST IN DETERMINING HOW ALLIANCE SHOULD HANDLE ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE SYSTEMS.

- COMMENT: WHILE DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE, PRESIDENT'S REMARKS HERE HAVE, HAPPILY WE BELIEVE, ELICITED ALLIED INTEREST IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH "GRAY AREA" ISSUES, AND IN PARTICULAR QUESTIONS OF ALLIANCE PROCEDURES DEALING WITH ANY FUTURE SALT INVOLVING SUCH ISSUES. ALTHOUGH PERMREPS HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN RATHER

HESITANT TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN COUNCIL CONTEXT, WE
NOW ANTICIPATE IT WILL BECOME A RECURRING AGENDA TOPIC. GLITMAN
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